Electrification Project on Kazipet-Secunderabad-Sanatnagar Section

2242. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal is pending with the Railway Board to entrust the Rs. 70 crore electrification project on Kazipet-Secunderabad-Sanatnagar section to the Indian Railway Construction Organisation; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for giving the work to the Indian Railway Construction Organisation instead of the South Central Railway.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Tourist Complexes in the country

2243. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tourist complexes which sprang up in the country from 1980, onwards;

(b) what is the number of five star hotels constructed in these tourist complexes and the number of those which belong to multi-national hotel chains;

(c) whether it is a fact that the tranquil traditional centres of cultural tourism are converted into crowded tourist resorts;

(d) whether it is also a fact that stereotype development of tourism with its inexorable accent on the earning of foreign exchange, is at the expense of bounties of nature;

(e) whether there are any instructions to the tourism officials to supply the brochures to the foreigners only; and

(f) whether Government propose to issue instructions to the tourism officials to supply the brochures to the tourists of our country also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Central Department of Tourism has not adopted any standard definition of a Tourist Complex because there is a large variation in the definition from State to State and from public sector to private sector. Development of infrastructure at tourist centres is undertaken keeping in view the requirements of tourists.

(b) The total number of 5-star deluxe and 5-star hotels in the country as on date is 59 and out of these, 12 hotels have foreign collaborations.

(c) No, Sir. With a view to undertaking planned development of cultural centres, the Department of Tourism has got prepared Master Plans for a number of centres to ensure that tourists are spread evenly in space according to carrying capacity. The Department is also creating new circuits to relieve pressure from the traditional cultural centres.

(d) No, Sir. As far as possible, the Department ensures that the development of tourism is so done that it blends with the local environs.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Over-bridge at Tiruppappuliyur Railway Station in Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu

2244. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct an over-bridge at Tiruppappuliyur Railway Station in Cuddalore in South Arcot district of Tamil Nadu; and